

Appl. No. 09/767,444

Amdt. Dated December 8, 2005

Reply to Notice of Allowance of September 20, 2005

ARGUMENTS/REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank the examiner for the careful consideration given the present application, and for the Notice of Allowance in this case.

Dependent claim 21 has been amended to remove an unnecessary step was mistakenly added to the claim, but not relied on for a patentable distinction over the cited references, as the parent claim is patentable over the prior art.

Claim 22 has been amended to remove an error, making it consistent with the parent claim 14.

Claims 27 and 49 have been amended to remove words that were left in the claim in error.

These amendments do not raise new issues, as the amended claims are dependent claims, the parent claims are patentable over the prior art, and nothing was added to the claims.

In consideration of the foregoing analysis, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is still in a condition for allowance and the Examiner is requested to enter the proposed amendments. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 33270.

Respectfully submitted,

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